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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

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Appln. No.: 10/606,233

Group Art Unit: 3677

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Examiner: F. Saether

For: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR HOLDING A PIECE IN A BORE

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RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

Responding to the Office Action mailed April 13, 2005, and the requirement for restriction therein, Applicant elects I (Claims 1-51).

With regard to the requirement for election of species, Applicant elects Species C (Figs. 7 and 8), upon which Claims 1-3, 6, 7, 9, 10, 13-16, 20, 21, 24-29, 32, 33, 35, 36, 39-42, 46, 47, 50, and 51 in elected invention I are readable.

In non-elected invention II, the claims readable on the elected species are Claims 52-56, 59, 61, 62, 65-68, 72, 73, and 76-87.

An action on the merits of the elected claims is respectfully solicited.

A Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement
accompanies this Response.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge to
Deposit Account No. 50-1165 any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16
and 1.17 that may be required by this paper and to credit
any overpayment to that Account. If any extension of time
is required in connection with the filing of this paper and
has not been requested separately, such extension is hereby
requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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